

**Development of Hotel Infrastructure to promote Tourism
in Orissa**

*91. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is drawing up an ambitious plan under which the seat of 'patta chitra' Raghurajpur and tourist's paradise Daringbari are set to emerge the next hotspots in Orissa under the rural tourism project;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to develop hotel infrastructure in the State to promote tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Based on the proposal received from State Government of Orissa for developing Raghurajpur village as a Rural Tourism destination an amount of Rs. 50 lakh has been sanctioned and Rs. 40 lakh has been released till date for tourism related infrastructure development under the scheme of Ministry of Tourism. An additional Rs. 20 lakh has also been sanctioned and Rs. 17.60 lakh has been released for capacity building including skill upgradation for Raghurajpur under GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project. The village Daringbadi, District Kandhamal has been prioritized for the year 2006-07 in consultation with the State Government of Orissa.

(c) Ministry of Tourism has already prepared a 20 year perspective tourism plan for Orissa, which has been sent to the State Government for their guidance. This plan has recommended strategies for tourism promotion, product development, augmentation of infrastructure including sources of funding and implementation mechanism to help the State. The action plan of the State Government to develop hotel infrastructure to promote tourism in the State is as follows:

(a) Hotels have been declared as 'industry' since 1980.

(b) Hotels are getting concessions as per the Industrial Policy Resolution of the State.

(c) Suitable entrepreneurs willing to set up hotel projects are recommended for allotment of land.

- (d) Hotels from one star to three star categories are eligible for central assistance.
- (e) Major hotel groups have been identified to sign MoU for establishment of hotel projects in the State.

New standards for navratna status to PSUs

***92. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering new rules and standards for according Navratna status to PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how they differ from the existing ones;

(c) whether Navratna PSUs which do not conform to the new rules will lose their status; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), which are Miniratna I, Schedule 'A' and have obtained 'excellent' or 'very good' rating under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) system in three of the last five years are eligible for consideration for the grant of Navratna status. The Apex Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary and assisted by an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) lays down the format and undertakes review and evaluation of the performance of the concerned CPSEs from time to time.

(c) and (d) There is a two stage screening for conferment/divestment of Navratna status. The first stage is the screening by IMC. The recommendations of the IMC are to be placed before the Apex Committee. The recommendations of the Apex Committee on the Navratna status are placed before the Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises for approval through the Minister in-charge of the administrative Ministry/ Department concerned. In case of any disagreement, the matter is submitted to the Cabinet for decision.